

Mr. Stanton, near the close of his life, removed from this town to reside in the western part of this State. He had been appointed a commissioner of a State road in that section. Having business, growing out of this office, to transact in Harrisburg, he took his family down to the west branch of the Susquehanna, where he left them to proceed on their way, while he went to Harrisburg. Having completed the object of his visit there, he directed his course to meet his family. He came to Bellefonte, in Centre County, and stopped with his friend Judge Burnside, where he was taken sick. Every effort was made to restore health, but he rapidly declined, and, after a few days' illness, ended his mortal life, April 16th, 1816.

#### IV. ORDER OF SETTLEMENTS.

The order of time in which the first settlers came into this town is as follows: Mr. Stanton made his first purchase as a settler in this township, on the 29th of June, 1789. We may, therefore, fix the first settlement of this town at this date, which will be sixty-seven years ago next June. In the spring of 1790, having brought his family down the river, he left them at Mr. Lane's near Windsor, and came into this town, and worked upon the lot he had just purchased. He built his cabin and cleared a few acres.

On the next spring he moved his family, consisting of his wife and two children, the oldest of whom was nearly four years of age. He occupied the cabin he

had built the year before. Mr. Silas Kellogg also came in with him to begin a settlement. He brought with him two hired men. This company came from Harmony with ox-teams and sleds, upon which they brought their goods and farming implements, besides the family. They were four days on their way—a distance of 28 miles. The road, though having been once out through, had become much obstructed. They arrived here on the 10th day of April, 1791. Mr. Kellogg had emigrated from Ballstown, Saratoga County, New York. It had been his intention to settle in Western New York; but from representations made to him of the anticipated growth of this region, he directed his course hither. His brother, Mr. Eliaphet Kellogg, who had not yet visited this region, had purchased a lot of land in this township on the 9th of August, 1790. This lot was transferred to Mr. Silas Kellogg on the 2d of Feb., 1791. He settled on this lot, and made his first clearing on the bank of the Lackawaxen. In that beautiful opening of this valley which lies immediately below Mr. Heman J. Wheeler's residence, he, with his two hired men, began their summer's work. During the season they cleared and sowed to wheat fourteen acres of land. Mr. Kellogg has been heard to say that, in order to procure the seed, he was obliged to go with his ox-team to Harmony—then a distance of twenty-eight miles—and thence down the river to Great Bend. It was a journey of nearly two weeks. Having accomplished his work, he returned to Ballstown to spend the winter. During this season, also, Mr.